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NSC BRIEFING

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**SITUATION IN VIETNAM**

**I. Re evacuation of south Vietnam**

- A. French claim there are 60,000 French nationals in south Vietnam.
- B. Rest of prospective evacuees would be Vietnamese.
  - 1. Military and civilian government employees with their families, Christians, business and professional people.
- C. Estimate apparently does not include the 500,000 plus persons evacuated from north Vietnam who would also presumably wish to be evacuated.
- D. Withdrawal of such a large number of persons in addition to military forces would assure Viet Minh electoral victory.
- E. Extremely doubtful, however, that French would expend the effort to undertake evacuation of such magnitude or are willing to face problems of resettling evacuees in France or north Africa.

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